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PATENT

Docket No. GC477C1



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Wang et al.)

Serial No. 09/273,957)

Filed: March 22, 1999)

For: Novel Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme)
Enzymes)

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: M. A. Walicka, Ph.D.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment and remarks. This response is considered timely. A petition for a three month extension of time accompanies this communication.

In the Claims

Please delete claim 59 without prejudice.

8. (AMENDED) A purified oxidase enzyme obtained from *Stachybotrys*, wherein said phenol oxidizing enzyme comprises at least one antigenic determinant in common with a phenol oxidizing enzyme naturally produced from *Stachybotrys parvispora* MUCL accession number 38996 as measured by an immunoprecipitation line by Ouchterlony technique.

9. (AMENDED) A purified oxidase enzyme obtained from *Stachybotrys*, wherein said phenol oxidizing enzyme comprises at least one antigenic determinant in common

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